passed in a northeasterly direction over Niphon, and disappeared in the ocean on the 19th, followed by strong northwest-

erly gales in the sw. quadrant.

XXXI.—On the 24th, the s. s. "City of Tokio," in N. 35° 33' E. 146° 45′, reported barometer 29.46 (748.3), wind wsw., force 8, weather cloudy. The reports of the 25th, 26th, and 27th, passed northeastward over the Pacific as a somewhat severe storm, being accompanied by strong wind of force 6-8.

XXXII.—This disturbance appeared in Niphon on the 28th. attended by cloudy weather and rain. During the 29th and 30th, the pressure remained low over Japan, but on the last day of the month, it began to increase, and the weather cleared.

This month, like the preceding, was marked by the continued presence of barometric minima over Japan, while high-pressures prevailed almost without interruption throughout the month, in China.

## TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR.

The distribution of mean temperature, over the United States and Canada, for the month of December, 1882, is exhibited on chart ii., by the dotted isothermal lines. The table of comparative mean temperatures in the lower left-hand corner of the temperature on the left-hand of chart ii. chart, shows the average temperature for the month in the

several districts, as determined from observations taken at the Signal Service stations during the month of December in previous years.

The month of December, 1882, has been colder than the average for December in the Southern, middle, and New England states, and in the regions east of the Missouri valley. It from the above-named vessel indicate that the depression has averaged about 3° below the mean in the Southern states east of the Mississippi river, and over 1° below the average in New England, the middle states, the lower lake region, the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. At the Rocky mountain stations and thence westward to the Pacific coast the temperature has been above the mean for the month, the warmest weather being reported from Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, and on the north Pacific coast, where it averaged from 3° to 5° above the mean for the month. In California and Arizona, the temperature averaged about 1° above the mean. The average temperature on the summits of Mount Washington and Pike's Peak was slightly above the mean for the month.

## DEVIATIONS FROM MEAN TEMPERATURE.

The departures exhibited by the reports from the regular Signal Service stations are shown in the table of comparative

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Table of Comparative Minimum Temperatures for the Month of December.

State	Minimum for December, 1882 Signal Service.	,	Lowest since Signal Service sta opened—3 to 11 years	tions v	were	Lowest from any other source.					
or Territory.	Station.	Temp.	Station.		Year.	Place.	Temp.	Year.	Length of Record		
Alabama Montgomery		0 19	Montgomery	°8	1680	Huntsville	°7		9 years		
Do	***************************************		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	*********		Thomas Barracks	10	1875	2 "		
Arizona Arkansas	Prescott	10 10	PrescottLittle Rock	-18 6	1879 1880	Fort Canby Washington, near	—25 — 6	1845	12 " 27 "		
Do	# V4 \$ 131118 MM		***************************************			Fort Smith	ŏ		1 =		
California	Red Bluff	25	Campo	7	1878	Fort Jones	-17	'55, '37	5 "		
Do Colorado	Pike's Peak	<del></del> 15	Pike's Peak	<b>—37</b>	1878	Camp BidwellFort Garland	—10 —30	**********	18 "		
Do	1180 0 1 Cit					Fort Lyon	-30	1876	20 "		
Connecticut	New Haven	4	New Haven	- 4	1880	Middletown	-18	1860	11 "		
Dakota	Tobacco Garden	35	Pembina Forts Buford and Stevenson	-49 16	1876 1879	Fort StevensonFort Totten	54	1879	7 "		
De Delaware	Delaware Breakwater	14	Delaware Breakwater	—+6 1	1880	Fort Delaware	-5l	1879	44		
Do	2018 11 61 2 2 1 Class we do 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1					Dover	ี ซี	1876	6 "		
Dist. of Columbia	Washington	8	Washington	-13	1880	Washington	10		48 "		
Florida	Pensacola	25 12	Pensacola	17 ]	1880 1880	Fort Barrancas	16		52 "		
GeorgiaIdaho	Atlanta Eagle Rock	<b>—25</b>	Lewiston	16	1879	Fort Hall	— i —30	1880 1879	7 "		
Ilinois	Champaign	14	Chicago	15	1880	Rock Island Arsenal	-26	1872?	14 "		
Indiana	Indianapolis	10	Indianapolis	15	1876	Wabash	-19	1880	6 "		
Indian Territory	Fort Supply	5	Fort Gibson	9  19	1876	Fort Sill	-11	1872?	10 "		
Iowa Kansas	Leavenworth	—17 — 5	Dubuque Dodge City	—19 —15	76,79,80 1876	Fort Wallace	35 24	1879 1876	8 4		
Kentucky	Louisville	ă	Louisville	- 7	1880	Newport Barracks		1070	28 "		
Louisiana	Shreveport,	22	Shreveport	-10	1880	Okalooska	10	1880	3 "		
_Do			***************************************			Fort Jessup	14		22 "		
Maine	EastportBaltimore	5 10	EastportBaltimore	20 3	1875 1880	GardinerEmmittsburg	24 19	1000	45 "		
Maryland Massachusetts	Boston	10	Boston		1875	Bill rica	-20	1880 1876	8 44		
Do	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,					New Bedford	-10	1860?	60 "		
Michigan	Escanaba	12	Escanaba	23	1880	Fort Brady	<b>—4</b> 1	1872?	58 "		
Minnesota	Saint Vincent	-30 13	Saint Vincent	-42 12	1880 1880	Fort Ripley.	<del>-4</del> 0		14 "		
Mississippi Missouri	Starkville	— B	Vicksburg Saint Louis	-15	1880	Rolla, near	23	1880 1870	8 "		
Montana	New Chicago	-34	Fort Benton	-59	1880	Camp Baker	-53	1871	9 "		
Do						Fort Benton	-54	1880	14 "		
Nebraska	Omaha	15	North Platte	27	1879	Sydney Barracks	-37	1879	5 11		
Do Nevada	Winnemucca	— 4	Winnemucca	20	1879	Glendale Fort Halleck	30 22	1868 1879	12 "		
New Hampshire	Mount Washington	-25	Mount Washington	-47	1876	Dartmouth College	-29	10/9	18 **		
Do		*********				Stratford	-24		11 "		
New Jersey	Sandy Hook	3	Atlantic City	<u> </u>	1880	Linden	-18	1880	6 *		
Do New Mexico	Santa F6	— 1	Barnegat	— 7 —13	1880	Fort Union	28	1855	30 66		
New York	Oswego	- 1 3	Albany	-17	1875	Madison Barracks	-44	1871	54 "		
North Carolina	Charlotte	1Õ	Charlotte	- 5	1880	Lenoir	-16	1880	8 "		
Do			500720112120001101000710000744071101011111007100000000			Fort Johnson	9		54 "		
Ohio Do	Cleveland	9	Sandusky	13	1880	Kenton College Hill	30 12	1876			
Oregon	Umatilla	g	Portland	3	1879	Eola	_12 _8	1880	65 ** 7 **		
Pennsylvania	Pittsburg	- i.s	Erie	11	1880	Lewisburg	-23	'65?,'67?	6 "		
Rhode Island	Nairagansett Pier	5	Newport	- 3	1875	Providence	-12		36 "		
South Carolina	Charleston	24	Charleston	13	1880	Aiken.	3	1880	7 "		
Do Tennessee	Knoxville	5	Knoxville	— 5	1880	Charleston	20 4	1851? 1880	104 "		
Texas	Fort Elliott	ĭ	Fort Elliott	-10 -10	1879	Camp Stockton	- 9	1859	15 '4		
Utah	Salt Lake City	12	Salt Lake City	-10	1879	Fort Crittenden	22	1859	3 "		
Vermont	T me abbume		Burlington	19	1879	Lunenburg	-30	1868	20 "		
Virginia Do	Lynchburg	8	Fort Whipple	11	1880	Port Monroe	-34 17	1880	56 "		
Washington	Colfax	— 5	Olympia	—17	1879	Fort Colville	-22	1861?	21 "		
Do			013010 10100 000000 0110 0110 0110 0110			Fort Townshend	22	1872	23 "		
West Virginia	Morgantown	3	Morgantown	H	1880	Flemington	-21	1880	2 "		
Wisconsin	La Crosse	20	La Crosse	26	1879	Fort Howard Fort Fetterman	38		31 "		

for the following interesting items bearing upon this subject. These comparisons are of special importance, as many of the records from which they are made cover long periods of time, some extending back many years before the establishment of the Signal Service:

Illinois.—Riley, mean temperature, 19°.4, or 1°.4 below the December average of the last twenty-one years. The mean temperature of the year 1882 is 45°.7, or 0°.8 above the annual mean of nineteen years. The maximum temperature of the year, 89°, occurred June 22d; minimum, -14°, occurred December 7th.

Anna, mean temperature, 35°.16, is 1°.59 below the average

of a period of seven years.

Indiana.—Logansport, mean temperature, 28°.8, is 1°.5 above the December average since 1860. During that period the highest December mean, 45°, occurred in 1877; the lowest, 14°, occurred in 1872.

Vevay, mean temperature, 33°.9, corresponds with the December normal.

The following table, furnished by Dr. T. C. Hunter, of Wabash, Indiana, shows the monthly and annual mean temperatures at that place for the six years, ending December 31, 1882:

Month.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	Monthly means.
January	21.00	30.33	23.25	40.00	20°.00	29.62	27,37
February	37.00	33.33	25.67	35.40	27.18	38.47	35,68
March	30.00	45.67	37.50	38.19	34.98	43.05	38.20
April	50.00	55.50	48.25	53.67	45.62	51.64	50.78
Мау	59.1.0	57.67	61.00	66.46	69.83	58.74	62,12
June	67.75	65.00	67.00	74.40	73.13	70.58	69.64
July	71.50	79.00	72.33	76.32	78.12	70.94	74.68
August	70.50	71.00	71.00	72.89	78.86	72.36	72.77
September,	60.33	65.00	59.25	63.60	73.64	60.87	63.78
October	55.33	51.67	60.00	49.15	58.57	56.63	55.22
November	39.00	41.50	41.50	28.19	46.10	40.23	39.52
December	42.00	22.50	30.67	21.61	37.78	27.79	30.49
Annual means	50.28	51.51	49.83	51.67	53.69	51.74	51.85

It will be seen from the above table that the mean temperature of December, 1882, is 2°.7 below the average of December during the period covered by the record.

Iowa.-Iowa City, the following extract is taken from "Press Bulletin," number 116, for December, 1882, published by Dr. Gustavus Hinrichs, director of the Iowa Weather Service:

\* \* \* \* "The mean temperature of the air was nearly three degrees below the normal. The first half of the month was very cold and fair; the last half was nearly normal but very cloudy. The coldest days were the 6th, 7th, and 8th, averaging thirty degrees below the normal; the 20th and 21st were the warmest, the mean temperature being fourteen degrees above the normal, causing a general thaw and break up in rivers.

Clinton, mean temperature, 21°.3, is 7° below the December normal.

Kansas.—Wellington, mean temperature, 30°.02, is 0°.7 below the December average of the last three years. The mean temperature of the year of 1882 is 53°.8 or 1°.2 below the annual average of the last four years.

December average of the last three years.

Lawrence, mean temperature, 31°.25, is 1°.76 above the December average of the last fifteen years. The highest December mean temperature of that period, 44°.43, occurred in 1867; the lowest, 19°.93, occurred in 1872; the highest maximum tem-

perature, 73° occurred in 1875; lowest minimum temperature, -18°, occurred in 1872. The following interesting table, taken from the annual summary prepared by Professor F. H. Snow, of the State University at Lawrence, shows the mean temperatures and annual extremes at that place since 1868:

Year,	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Year,	Max.	Min.	Mean.
1868	101 96 102 103 97 104 108	-16.5 - 5 -10 - 6 -18 -26 - 3	53.36 50.99 54.50 54.30 51.90 52.71 54.20	1876	98 99 98 99.5 101 104 105	- 5 - 9 - 6 -16 -12 - 8 - 6.5	52.76 54.16 55.33 54.67 54.01 54.65 54.94
1875	90	16.5	5060	Means	101	-12.2	53.53

Maine.—Gardiner, mean temperature is 20°.31, or 1°.95 below the December average of a period of forty-seven years.

Maryland.—Fallston, mean temperature, 31°.03, is 2°.03 below the December average of the last thirteen years. The highest December mean of that period, 40°.25, occurred in 1877; the lowest, 23°.63, occurred in 1876.

Missouri.—Saint Louis, the Missouri Weather Service reports the mean temperature to be 32°.5, or 0°.7 below the December normal. The first decade was about 4° colder, and the last decade about 4° warmer than the normal.

New Hampshire.—Grafton, mean temperature, 20°.3, is 3°.6 below the December average of the four years from 1877 to 1880, inclusive.

New York.—Palermo, mean temperature, 23°.7, is 0°.7 below the December average of the last twenty-nine years. highest December mean temperature of that period, 32°.1, occurred in 1881; the lowest, 16°.8, occurred in 1880. The mean temperature of the year of 1882, 43°.3, is 1° below the annual average of twenty nine years. During that period the highest annual mean, 51°.8, occurred in 1878; the lowest, 43°.2, occurred in 1882. The mean temperatures of the seasons of 1882 are: spring, 40°.7; summer, 65°.7; autumn, 43°.5; winter, 23°.5. North Volney, mean temperature is 45°.46, which is the December normal of the last fifteen years. The highest December mean temperature, 33°.73, occurred in 1881; the lowest, 18°.02, occurred in 1876. The mean temperature of the year of 1882 is 45°.49, or 0°.09 above the annual average of fourteen years. The highest annual mean of that period is 47°.74 for 1878; the lowest, 41°.61, for 1875. The mean temperature of the year at 7.00 a. m. is 42°.15; at 2.00 p. m., 52.°68; at 9.00 p. m., 43°.57; and the annual range 112°

Vermont.—Woodstock, mean temperature, 17°.91, is 1°.59 below the December average of a period of fifteen years. The highest December mean of that period is 30°.14, which occurred in 1881; and the lowest, 8°.62, occurred in 1872; the highest maximum temperature, 62°, occurred December 14, 1881; lowest minimum, —41°.5, occurred December 25, 1872.

Virginia.—Variety Mills, mean temperature, 52°.3, is 4°.9

Yates Centre, mean temperature, 29°.65, is 0°.71 above the below the December average of the last six years. The highest December mean of that period, 43°.3, occurred in 1879; the lowest, 30°.6, occurred in 1876.

The following table, furnished by Mr. C. R. Moore, of Snowville, shows the monthly and annual mean temperatures at that place since 1869:

Month.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	Monthly means.
anuary	42.13	45,72	38.17	35,39	38.29	43,04	34.02	46.37	37.53	41.11	36.94	49.44	33,67	40.24	40.16
February	43.33	39.72	41.84	39.66	38.23	41.28	34.78	42.77	43.04	44.17	37.44	47.77	88.36	46.72	41.29
farch	43.19	43.52	52.39	37.64	43,10	46.78	44.10	43.37	45.87	54.07	48.74	48,96	45.96	49.58	46,23
April	54.14	52.90	59.34	54.85	/3.72	49.87	49.38	53.09	55.37	60.95	55.56	61.59	53.42	55.00	54.94
lav	56.50	63.65	65.02	69.27	61.64	61.66	63.10	63.24	63.78	66.81	67.57	73.70	67.96	62.92	64.56
nne	73.77	74.28	73.00	72.96	72,75	74.88	70.16	74.27	76.45	72.78	74.49	77.73	74.73	76.42	74.19
ulv	76.98	79.49	77.53	79.71	76.15	75.31	77.91	79.17	81.05	83.25	80.01	81.42	80.33	79.88	79.16
ngust	74.87	77.65	74.91	78.35	76.07	72.05	74.19	76.50	80.10	80.13	77.77	77.83	77.91	78.75	76.93
eptember	69.65	71.00	65.97	64.57	68.65	57.10	66.67	69.13	61.22	74.62	71.07	73.49	79.75	74.49	70.03
ctober	54.81	61.90	63.82	58,53	56,92	59.34	57.42	5524	64.54	62.64	67.78	62.21	69.24	66.21	61.47
ovember	43.43	50.00	47.07	45.30	46.73	49.35	46.16	49.02	53.90	51,92	52.30	46.55	55.55	48.72	48.93
ecember	42.07	38.73	38.66	33.93	43.69	42.60	43.43	32.72	47.80	39.58	51.06	35.32	47.67	39.32	41.18
ųms	673.87	698.56	697.72	667.16	674.97	686.26	661.32	684.89	710.63	732.03	720.73	736.01	724.55	718.85	699.07
Means	56.16	58.21	58.14	55.59	56,25	57.19	55,11	57.07	59,22	61.00	60.06	61.33	60.38	59.85	58.26

West Virginia.—Helvetia, mean temperature, 31°.56, is 1°.35 below the December average of six years. The mean temperature of the year 1882 is 51°.40, or 0°.90 above the annual average of six years.

BANGES OF TEMPERATURE AT SIGNAL SERVICE STATIONS.

Monthly ranges of temperature during December, 1882, have varied from 29° at Portland, Oregon, and Key West, Florida, to 82° at Rapid City, Dakota; 83° at Fort Benton, Montana, and 89° at New Chicago, Montana. The smallest monthly ranges are: Portland, Oregon, and Key West, Florida, 29°; San Francisco, California, 30°; Mackinac City, Michigan, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 31°; Oswego, New York, 35°. The largest are: New Chicago, Montana, 89°; Fort Benton, Montana, 83°; Rapid City, Dakota, 82°; Fort Washakie, Wyoming, 79°; Eagle Rock, Idaho, 76°; Fort Bennett, Dakota, 76°; West Las Animas, Colorado, 76°; Fort Assimiboine, Montana, 75°; Cheyenne, Wyoming, 74°; Fort Elliott, Texas, 74°; Glendive, Montana, 72°; Omaha, Nebraska, 72°; Yankton Dakota, 72°; Phoming, Angona, 71°; Contagnilla, Mariana, 72°; Angona, 71°; Contagnilla, Mariana, 72°; Phoming, Angona, 72°; Phoming, 72°; ton, Dakota, 72°; Phœnix, Arizona, 71°; Cartersville, Montana, 70°; Huron, Dakota, 70°; North Platte, Nebraska, 69°; Fort Stevenson, Dakota, 69°; Helena and Terry's Landing, Montana, 69°; Des Moines, Iowa, 67°; Indianapolis, Indiana, 67°; Saint Louis and Springfield, Missouri, 66°; Denver, Colorado, 66°; Fort Stockton, Texas, 65°; Moorhead, Minnesota, 55°; Davenport, Iowa, 65°. The greatest daily ranges have varied in the different districts as follows:

New England.—From 25°, at Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 3d, to 42° on the summit of Mount Washington on the 3d. Middle Atlantic states.—From 22° at Williamsport, Pennsyl-

vania, on the 7th, to 37° at Cape May, New Jersey, on the 6th, and at Norfolk, Virginia, on the 7th.

South Atlantic states.—From 25° at Fort Macon, North Carolina, on the 7th and 9th, and at Jacksonville, Florida, on the 4th, to 39° at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 7th.

Florida Peninsula. From 14° at Key West, on the 16th, to

24° at Punta Rassa, on the 1st and 16th.

East Gulf states.—From 26° at New Orleans, Louisiana, to

39° at Starkville, Mississippi, on the 7th.

West Gulf states.-From 21° at Port Eads, Louisiana, on the 7th, and 25° at Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 7th and 17th, to 39° at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and San Antonio, Texas, on the 17th.

Ohio valley and Tennessee.—From 24° at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 8th, and 25° at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 7th, to 38° at Columbus, Ohio, on the 7th.

Lower lake region.—From 22° at Sandusky, Ohio, on the 7th, to 33° at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 7th.

Upper lake region.—From 19° at Port Huron, Michigan, on the 9th, to 34° at Duluth, Minnesota, on the 17th.

Extreme northwest.—From 32° at Bismark, Dakota, on the 23d, and at Saint Vincent, Minnesota, on the 11th, to 35° at

Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 8th.

Upper Mississippi valley.—From 22° at Cairo, Illinois, on the 6th and 11th, and 23° at La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the 6th, 8th, 11th and 16th, to 32° at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the 8th, and at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 11th.

Missouri valley.—From 34° at Huron, Dakota, on the 26th,

to 42° at Fort Bennett, Dakota, on the 1st.

Northern slope.—From 32° at Helena, Montana, on the 14th, and 33° at Fort Custer, Montana, on the 15th, to 47° at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 15th, and 48° at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 7th

Middle slope.—From 28° at Pike's Peak, Colorado, on the 9th, to 48° at Fort Elliott, Texas, on the 17th, and 58° at West Las Animas, Colorado, on the 8th.

Southern slope.—From 33° at Jacksborough, Texas, on the 6th,

to 44° at Coleman City, Texas, on the 18th.

Southern plateau.—From 28° at Fort Grant, Arizona, on the 29th, and 29° at Santa Fé, New Mexico, on the 7th, to 50° at to 36° at Eagle Rock, Idaho, on the 31st. Fort Apache, Arizona, on the 14th.

4th, to 40° at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on the 8th.

Table of Maximum and Minimum Temperatures for December, 1882.

	State or	Signal Ser	vice.		U. S. Army Post Surgeons, or Voluntary Observers.					
	Territory.	Station.	Max.	Min.	Station.	Max.	Min			
	Alabama	Mobile	7 <u>4</u>	0 24	Mount Vernon	•	•			
	Do Arizona	Montgomery	70 95	19 24	Auburn.	78 67	20 14			
l	Do Arkansas	Phœnix Prescott Little Rock	68 67	10 17	Fort Lowell	82	9			
l	Do California	Fort Smith Los Angeles	66 82	10 35	Mount Ida	66	14			
ı	Do	Red Bluff	74 69	25 6	Fort Bidwell	92 70	- 10 - 1			
ı	Do	Pike's Peak New London	27 53	-15 7	Fort Lyon Pagosa Springs	69 54	7 21			
ı	Do Dakota	New Haven Fort Bennett	52 57		Fami Dandali					
l	Do	Rapid City Tobacco Garden	57 27	-25 -35	Fort Randall Fort Yates	59 63	-20 -24			
	Delaware Districtof Columbia.	Del. Breakwater Washington	55 54	14	[					
	Florida	Key West Pensacola	81 71	52 25	Fort Barrancas	79	15			
	Feorgia	Savannah	72 64	26	Forsyth	68	18			
	Do [daho	Atlanta Boisé City Eagle Rock	58	12 4	Quitman	74	22			
	Doindiana	Indianapolis	50 57	-26 -10	Irvington	57	10			
	Do	******************************	*********		Miami Rushville	57 46	11 17			
	Do	Cairo	<b>5</b> 6	4	Lafayette Runker Hill	44 56	—17 —11			
:	Do Indian Territory	Champaign Fort Supply	49 69	-14 5	Elmira	43	—18			
:	Do lowa	Fort Sill	66 52	_10 —10	Logan	54	16			
	Do Kansas	Des Moines Leavenworth	50 59	—17 — 6	Clay Centre	38 68	-23 14			
3	Kentucky Louisiana	Louisville New Orleans;	56 76	30 30	Frankfort Point Pleasant	51 75	0 19			
1	Do Maine	Shreveport Eastport	72 49	22 5	Oruno	47	12			
]	Do Maryland	Portland Baltimore	49 51	9 10	Gardiner Emmittsburg	45 50	9 2			
1	Do Lassachusetts	Boston	54	e	Cumberland Williamstown	48 43	— <del>4</del>			
1	Do	Provincetown	54 50	16 2	Rowe	46 .	— š			
	DoKinnesota	Escanaba Saint Vincent	41 27	—12 —30	Northfield	35	—1 <b>5</b>			
1	Do Lississippi	Moorhead Vicksburg	36 70	29 19	Fort Snelling Fayette	34 70	23 20			
1	Do Issouri	Starkville Springfield	68 62	13 — 4	Protem	68	5			
	Do	Saint Louis	60	— 6 	Oregon Sedalia	61 62	—16 —13			
3	Iontana Do	Fort Benton Fort Shaw	57 57	26 17		-				
1	Do Vebraska	New Chicago North Platte	5 <b>5</b> 67	—34 — 7	Fort Niobrara	67	<b>—21</b>			
1	Do Vevada	Omaha Winnemucca	57 60	15 4	Golconda	73	<b>— 3</b>			
	Do New Hampshire	Mt. Washington	32	25	New Market	60 53	-28 1			
1	Do New Jersey	Cape May	6U	14	Grafton New Brunswick	41	ŝ			
	New Mexico	Sandy Hook Fort Bayard	53 75	3 11	Fort Union	66	- 10			
	lew York	Santa Fé New York City	55 54	- 1 11	Johnstown	42	—16			
	Do	Oswego	43	3	Madison Barracks Friendship	42 42	- 8 - 8			
1	Vorth Carolina Do	Wilmington Charlotte	68 60	17 10	Ore Knob Highlands	55 49	- 6 3			
•	Do	Cincinnati Cleveland	55 45	- 1 9	Portsmouth Marion	64 58				
•	Do Dregon	Umatilla	86	6	Ruggles	44 59	-10 26			
1	Do Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	54	14	Albany Fort Klamath Franklin	53 40				
1	Do Rhode Island	Pittsburg Narragansett Pier	50 54	- 1.5 5	Blooming Grove	16	_ š			
	outh Carolina	Charleston Memphis	69 67	24 12	Aiken Murfreesboro	#6 57	16 4			
	Do	Knoxville Uvalde	60 87	5 25		۱ .	•			
	Do	Fort Elliott Salt Lake City	75 60	1 12						
1	ermont	Norfolk	59	16	Woodstock	42 61	24 14			
1	Do Vashington	Lynchburg Almota	59 68	8	Snowville	60	ō			
,	Do Vest Virginia	Morgantown	50 52	- 5	Helvetia	58	<b>– 8</b>			
٦	Visconsin Do	Milwaukee La Crosse	36 39	—13 —20	Evansville Embarrass	51 -	—13 —28			
٦	Vyoming Do	Cheyenne Fort Washakie	58 52	$-\frac{15}{-27}$	Fort Bridger Fort Washakie	50 50	18 35			

Middle Pacific coast region.—From 14° at San Francisco, Cal-Middle plateau.—From 20° at Salt Lake City, Utah, on the ifornia, on the 3d and 4th, to 30° at Red Bluff, California, on the 4th.

South Pacific coast region .- From 26° at San Diego, California, on the 27th, to 39° Los Angeles, California, on the 15th. FROSTS.

In the various districts they were reported on the following

New England.—1st to 5th, 7th to 31st.

Middle Atlantic states.—1st to 5th, 7th to 21st, 23d to 31st. South Atlantic states.—1st to 5th, 7th to 12th, 14th, 16th to 21st, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st.

East Gulf states.—1st to 4th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th,

18th, 23d to 31st.

West Gulf states.—1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st to 31st.

Rio Grande valley.-1st, 2d, 8th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 23d,

28th, 29th, 30th. Tennessee.—1st to 4th, 6th to 9th, 11th, 12th, 14th to 19th, 23d to 31st.

Ohio valley .- 1st to 19th, 22d to 31st.

Lower lake region.—12th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

Upper lake region.—1st to 31st. Extreme northwest.—1st to 31st.

Upper Mississippi valley.—1st to 31st.
Missouri valley.—1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th to 19th, 22d

to 31st.

Northern slope.—1st to 31st.

Middle slope.—1st to 8th, 10th to 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 25th, 27th to 31st.

Southern slope.—1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th, 8th to 11th, 13th to 18th, 22d, 23d, 25th to 30th.

Southern plateau.—1st to 31st.

Middle plateau.—1st to 8th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 22d, 24th, 26th to 21st.

Northern plateau.—1st, 2d, 5th, 7th, 9th to 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 23d, 25th to 31st.

North Pacific coast region .- 11th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 23d, 25th, 26th, 28th to 31st.

Middle Pacific coast region.—3d to 10th, 15th to 18th, 20th.

25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st. South Pacific coast region .- 3d, 5th, 10th, 11th, 13th to 16th,

19th, 20th, 22d to 31st.

The occurrence of frosts has also been reported by the following stations not situated in the districts named above: 1st, 2d.

At New Orleans, on the 8th, considerable damage was done of twenty-one years. by the freeze, to the sugar-cane in some of the parishes.

At Mayport, Florida, the orange crop was injured by the freeze of the 17th.

considered elsewhere in the REVIEW, under the heading ICE IN RIVERS AND HARBORS. The following are exceptional cases of ice formation in the southern sections of the country.

Alabama. - Mobile, 1st, 8th, 9th, 17th, 30th; Auburn, 1st,

8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, 18th.

Florida.—Jacksonville, 8th, 17th, 18th; Pensacola, 8th; Mayport, 12th, 17th, 18th.

Georgia.-Atlanta, 7th, ice sufficiently thick to bear the weight of persons on the ponds in vicinity. Savannah, 1st, 8th; Augusta, 8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, 18th.

Louisiana.—New Orleans, 8th.

North Carolina.—Kittyhawk, 9th, bay frozen. Cape Lookout, 9th. Core Sound frozen for a distance of one hundred yards from the shore, with ice one-half inch in thickness.

South Carolina.—Charleston, 17th.
Tennessee.—Memphis, 1st, 3d, 7th, 8th, 15th; Chattanooga, 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th.

Texas.—Indianola, 8th, the water in the bay sufficiently cold to kill fish, numbers of which were picked up along the shore. Ice formed on the 8th and 16th. Palestine, 7th, 8th, 16th; Fredericksburg, 7th, 8th, 16th, 29th, 31st; Eagle Pass, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23d, 29th, 30th; Uvalde, 8th.

## PRECIPITATION.

(Expressed in inches and hundredths.)

The distribution of rainfall over the United States and Canada, as determined from observations taken at more than five hundred stations, is exhibited on chart iii. The table in the lower left-hand corner of this chart shows the average monthly rainfall, determined from the records of Signal Service stations, in the several districts; it shows also the excess or deficiency of precipitation as compared with the average of many years.

A very large excess of rainfall (6.86) is reported from the north Pacific coast region. In the northern plateau, northern slope, the lake region, south Atlantic states, and in Florida, excesses are reported varying from 0.06 to 0.45. In all the other districts, the rainfall is below the December average. The largest deficiencies are: Middle Pacific coast region, 4.14; Tennessee, 2.90; Ohio valley, 1.80; south Pacific coast region, 1.44; east Gulf states, 1.20.

DEVIATIONS FROM AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

The departures exhibited by the reports from the regular Signal Service stations are shown in the table of comparative temperatures on the left-hand of chart iii.

The Chief Signal Officer is indebted to voluntary observers for the following interesting items bearing upon this subject. These comparisons are of special importance, as many of the records from which they are made cover long periods, some extending back many years before the establishment of the Signal Service:

Illinois.—Riley, monthly precipitation, 2.00, is 0.07 above the Oedar Keys, Florida, 1st, 2d, 8th, 17th; Fort Brooke, Florida, December average of twenty-one years. The total precipitation for the year of 1882 is 35.36, or 1.46 above the annual average

Indiana.—Logansport, monthly precipitation, 3.14, is 0.70 above the December average since 1860. The depth of snowfall for December, 1882, is 13.30 inches, or 4.48 above the average for December. During December, 1862, no snow fell; the great-The subject of the formation of ice in the northern sections, is est depth of snow for December, 24.11 inches, fell in 1872. In 1876, no rain fell during December; the largest December precipitation, 5.99, occurred in 1881. Vevay, monthly precipitation, 2.85, is 1.38 below the December average.

The following tables showing the monthly and annual rainfalls with the monthly and annual averages; and the rainfall by seasons, from 1866 to 1882, at Laconia, Indiana, have been

furnished by Mr. Adam Crozier, of that place:

Table showing Monthly and Annual Rainfall at Laconia, Indiana.

Months.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	Monthly averages
January	7.53 2.14 1.22 5.02 2.79 3.57 7.76	1.69 8.96 5.95 2.95 3.61 2.85 6.37 1.11 1.82 0.76 3.42	4.75 1.75 4.64 5.93 8.08 2.78 3.74 3.07 5.92 1.41 1.95	2.38 2.45 4.74 5.42 3.30 2.94 2.32 4.23 2.54 2.54 2.59	6.89 2.40 3.81 2.78 6.50 2.06 3.80 4.71 2.33 2.86 2.26	2.59 6.55 7.32 2.10 5.33 1.43 3.22 4.95 2.06 2.64	0.93 3.59 1.83 8.21 3.68 2.46 3.39 5.18 2.45 2.45	3.05 4.40 2.56 2.61 5.68 5.06 5.66 3.54 1.52 4.24 2.02	2.36 4.71 5.69 5.01 2.10 0.98 1.65 3.21 0.66 1.58 4.75	1.83 1.37 6.83 1.57 3.73 8.60 9.97 1.89 0.34 1.64	10.10 2.46 6.18 3.89 1.24 7.67 4.18 3.97 2.45 4.53 1.85	3.65 0.41 3.95 5.36 2.12 5.31 4.26 1.89 3.44 1.94 3.83	3.55 2.88 4.41 3.09 3.29 3.96 3.07 1.96 1.52 2.41 4.09	2.89 2.52 4.94 3.92 1.28 1.20 1.18 6.24 5.94 0.61 4.07	4.55 6.19 4.80 6.46 2.78 3.22 4.00 2.07 2.61 7.20 8.63	2.58 3.98 3.51 3.46 3.45 7.19 1.81 0.71 3.97 4.03 2.48	6.88 9.13 4.52 1.99 7.86 5.75 5.57 6.18 3.95 3.64 2,34	3.83 3.83 4.86 3.95 3.84 4.02 3.94 3.44 3.02 2.69 3.21
December	2.04	4.54	4.03	2.57	2.74	3.69	2.36	3.92	4.75	4.75	1.42	3.24	5.26	8.21	2.55	4.69	2.23	3.73
Annual sums	43.26	44.03	48.05	40.63	43.14	44.16	37.34	44.26	37.45	47.75	49.94	39.40	39.49	43.00	60.06	41.88	60.04	44.34
Monthly averages	3.60	3.67	4.00	3.39	3.59	3.68	3.11	3.69	3.12	3.98	4.16	3.28	3.29	3.58	4.18	3.49	5.00	3,70